PUBLIC NOTICE

PERMIT APPLICATION NUMBER: NRS 08.103

APPLICANT: Town of Erwin P.O. Box 59

Erwin, Tennessee 37650

423-743-6231

LOCATION: The proposed alteration is located along Rock Creek Road in Erwin, Tennessee (36.151667° N, -82.385833° W)

WATERSHED DESCRIPTION: The aquatic resources proposed to be impacted are two unnamed tributaries to Rock Creek and are located within the Nolichucky watershed (HUC 06010108). The predominant land uses in the Nolichucky River watershed are deciduous, evergreen, and mixed forest, agriculture consisting of pasture/hay and row crops, and low intensity residential and some commercial development. The designated uses of this watershed are fish and aquatic life, irrigation, livestock watering and wildlife, and recreation. The unnamed tributaries to Rock Creek have a channel bottom width of approximately 1-3 feet, top of bank width of 3-5 feet, and bank height of 1-3 feet.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant proposes to expand and modify an existing detention pond and construct an overflow channel to retain high flows from two unnamed tributaries to Rock Creek. Additionally, the applicant proposes to remove approximately 100 feet of existing concrete stream channel lining, and install gabion baskets in an unnamed tributary to Rock Creek for flood mitigation purposes.

In accordance with the Tennessee Antidegradation Statement (Rule 1200-4-3-.06), the division has determined that the proposed activity will not result in degradation to water quality. This notice may be viewed on the internet at: http://www.state.tn.us/environment/wpc/ppo/arap.

PERMIT COORDINATOR: Chip Hannah

USGS TOPOGRAPHIC QUADRANGLE: USGS, Erwin, TN

No decision has been made whether to issue or deny this permit. The purpose of this notice is to inform interested parties of this permit application and to ask for comments and information necessary to determine possible impacts to water quality. Persons wishing to comment on the proposal are invited to submit written comments to the department. Written comments must be received within THIRTY (30) DAYS of the date that this notice is posted. Comments will become part of the record and will be considered in the final decision. The applicant's name and permit number should be referenced.

Interested persons may also request in writing that the department hold a public hearing on this application. The request must be filed within the comment period, indicate the interest of the person requesting it, the reasons that the hearing is warranted, and the water quality issues being raised. When there is sufficient public interest in water quality issues, the department will hold a public hearing.

The permit application, supporting documentation including detailed plans and maps, and related comments are available at the department's address for review and/or copying. The department's address is:

Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation
Division of Water Pollution Control, Natural Resources Section
401 Church Street
7th Floor, L & C Annex
Nashville, TN 37243

In deciding whether to issue or deny a permit, the department will consider all comments on record and the requirements of applicable federal and state laws.





